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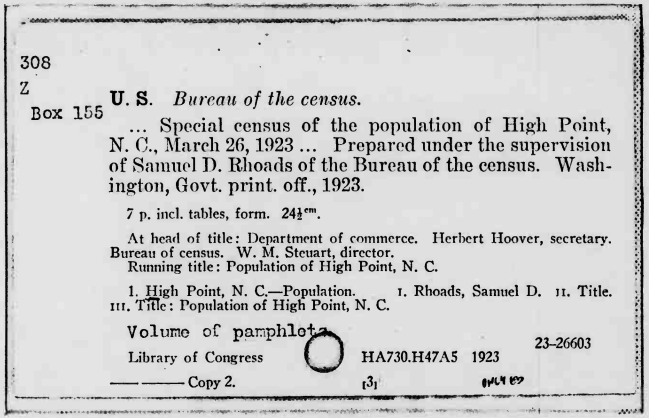

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# ENUMERATION OF THE POPULATION OF HIGH POINT, N. C.

## INTRODUCTION.

The special census of the city of High Point, N. C., was ordered by the Secretary of Commerce, at the request of the mayor, John D. Hedrick, upon the representations made through Senator Overman to the effect that the city had extended its boundaries, and that the population was at least one-third more than the population shown by the Fourteenth Decennial Census. Accordingly, the request was made that an enumeration of the population of the city be had under the direction and supervision of the Bureau of the Census.

Under the provisions of the general order, dated March 16, 1923, it was directed that the special census should be taken as of March 26, 1923, and Samuel D. Rhoads, of the Bureau of the Census, was designated supervisor in charge of the enumeration, with George B. Weitzel as his assistant.

The expense of the special census was borne by the city of High Point, in conformity to the terms of an agreement between the Director of the Census and the mayor of the city, acting in behalf of the city.

The supervisor and his assistant from the Bureau of the Census arrived in High Point March 19, and on March 26 the actual enumeration began. Eighteen enumerators were employed, and the enumeration of the city was completed March 31; by April 6 all of the schedules had been carefully examined, and payments to enumerators made.

### FORM OF SCHEDULE USED.

The form of schedule used, the headings of which are reproduced below, was made as simple as possible, and the questions asked related only to relationship to the head of the family, sex, color or race, and age.

ENUMERATION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA.

ENUMERATION DISTRICT.....TOWNSHIP.....

INCORPORATED PLACE.....WARD.....PRECINCT.....

| LOCATION. | | NAME of each person, whose usual place of abode on March 26, 1923, was in this family. Enter the surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on Mar. 26, 1923. Omit children born since Mar. 26, 1923. | RELATION. | SEX, COLOR, AND AGE. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Street. | Number house. | | Relationship of this person to the head of the family. | Sex. | Color or race. | Age at last birthday. |
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## RESULTS OF THE ENUMERATION.

The city of High Point is located in the northern part of North Carolina and in the southwestern part of Guilford County.

Several large manufacturing plants, especially for furniture, other woodworking industries, and textile manufactures, are located within the city limits. This, together with the addition of considerable territory, accounts for the large increase of population since the census of 1920, which, too, was taken when the industrial conditions resulting from the Great War were more or less still in effect.

The general results of the special census of the population of High Point, N. C., are given in Table 1, with comparative figures for earlier censuses.

TABLE 1.—POPULATION OF HIGH POINT,[1] N. C.: 1900–1923.

| YEAR. | Date of enumeration. | Population. | INCREASE. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Number. | Per cent. |
| 1923 | Mar. 26 | 22,279 | 7,977 | 55.8 |
| 1920 | Jan. 1 | 14,302 | 4,777 | 50.2 |
| 1910 | Apr. 15 | 9,525 | 5,362 | 128.8 |
| 1900 | ~~Apr. 15~~ June 1 | 4,163 | | |

[1] Incorporated as a city in 1891.

High Point was first enumerated as a village at the Federal census of 1880, with a population of 991, but its population was not separately reported in 1890. It was incorporated as a city in 1891.

The population of High Point, N. C., as shown by the special census, taken as of March 26, 1923, is 22,279, as compared with a population of 14,302 in 1920, of 9,525 in 1910, and of 4,163 in 1900. The decennial census of 1920 was taken as of January 1; the censuses of 1910 and 1900 were taken as of April 15 and June 1, respectively.

The increase in population from January 1, 1920, to March 26, 1923, a period of a little more than three years, was 7,977, or 55.8 per cent. This is a greater per cent of increase than that (50.2 per cent) between the decennial censuses of 1910 and 1920, a period of not quite nine and three-fourths years. From 1900 to 1910, however, there was an increase of 128.8 per cent.

The distribution of the population of High Point, N. C., according to sex, color or race, and age, as shown by the special census of 1923, in comparison with the returns of the decennial censuses of 1910 and 1920, is given in Tables 2 to 6.

As shown by Table 2, the males formed a higher percentage (50.6) of the total population in 1923 than in 1920 or in 1910, due, no doubt, to the industrial expansion previously noted.

The ratio of males to females, as given in Table 3, also reflects this condition, there being 102.6 males to each 100 females in 1923 as compared with 97.5 in 1920. The excess of males over females is particularly pronounced for Negroes, being 103.1 in 1923, as against 90.4 in 1920.

The white population, as shown by Table 2, is increasing more rapidly than the Negro, and represents a larger proportion of the total population at each successive enumeration. It has increased from 77.9 per cent in 1910 to 81.9 per cent in 1923, while the proportion of Negroes has decreased from 22 per cent of the total population in 1910 to 18.1 per cent in 1923.

The proportion which males 21 years of age and over form of the total population, as shown by Table 2, is somewhat larger in 1923 than at either of the two preceding decennial censuses, namely, 27.5 per cent as against 26.2 for both the earlier censuses. This is not true, however, with respect to the proportion of females 21 years of age and



over in the total population, which is less in 1923 (25.5 per cent) than in 1920 (26.5 per cent), but more than in 1910 (25 per cent).

Table 4 gives a comparative summary for 1923, 1920, and 1910, showing the age distribution of the total, white, and Negro population, for both sexes and for each sex separately.

The number of children of school age, 7 to 14 years, inclusive, as shown by the special census of 1923, is given by sex, for the total and for whites and Negroes separately, in Table 5. The white children constituted 83.4 per cent of the total number, but the percentages for each sex differ somewhat, that for males (85.4) being considerably larger than that for females (81.5).

The population of High Point is given by wards in Table 6, in which the population of each ward is distributed according to sex, color or race, and three age groups.

TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF HIGH POINT, N. C., DISTRIBUTED BY SEX, COLOR OR RACE, AND SEX AND AGE, WITH PER CENT OF INCREASE: 1923, 1920, AND 1910.

| SUBJECT. | 1923 | | 1920 | | 1910 | | INCREASE, 1920–1923 | | INCREASE, 1910–1920 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number. | Per cent of total. | Number. | Per cent of total. | Number. | Per cent of total. | Number. | Per cent. | Number. | Per cent. |
| Total | 22,279 | 100.0 | 14,302 | 100.0 | 9,525 | 100.0 | 7,977 | 55.8 | 4,777 | 50.2 |
| SEX. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 11,284 | 50.6 | 7,060 | 49.4 | 4,793 | 50.3 | 4,224 | 59.8 | 2,267 | 47.3 |
| Female | 10,995 | 49.4 | 7,242 | 50.6 | 4,732 | 49.7 | 3,753 | 51.8 | 2,510 | 53.0 |
| COLOR OR RACE. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | 18,246 | 81.9 | 11,400 | 79.7 | 7,424 | 77.9 | 6,846 | 60.1 | 3,976 | 53.6 |
| Negro | 4,031 | 18.1 | 2,900 | 20.3 | 2,099 | 22.0 | 1,131 | 39.0 | 801 | 38.2 |
| Chinese | 2 | (1) | 2 | (1) | 2 | (1) | | | | |
| SEX AND AGE. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 years and under | 1,716 | 7.7 | 1,068 | 7.5 | 778 | 8.2 | 648 | 60.7 | 290 | 37.3 |
| 6 to 20 years | 3,450 | 15.5 | 2,249 | 15.7 | 1,521 | 16.0 | 1,201 | 53.4 | 728 | 47.9 |
| 21 years and over | 6,118 | 27.5 | 3,743 | 26.2 | 2,494 | 26.2 | 2,375 | 63.5 | 1,249 | 50.1 |
| Female: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 years and under | 1,679 | 7.5 | 1,044 | 7.3 | 784 | 8.2 | 635 | 60.8 | 260 | 33.2 |
| 6 to 20 years | 3,638 | 16.3 | 2,411 | 16.9 | 1,566 | 16.4 | 1,227 | 50.9 | 845 | 54.0 |
| 21 years and over | 5,678 | 25.5 | 3,787 | 26.5 | 2,382 | 25.0 | 1,891 | 49.9 | 1,405 | 59.0 |

[1] Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

TABLE 3.—SEX DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOTAL AND OF THE WHITE AND NEGRO POPULATION OF HIGH POINT, N. C.: 1923, 1920, AND 1910.

| COLOR OR RACE AND CENSUS YEAR. | Both sexes. | Male. | Female. | PER CENT. | | Males to 100 females. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Male. | Female. | |
| Total population: | | | | | | |
| 1923 | [1] 22,279 | [1] 11,284 | 10,995 | 50.6 | 49.4 | 102.6 |
| 1920 | [1] 14,302 | [1] 7,060 | 7,242 | 49.4 | 50.6 | 97.5 |
| 1910 | [1] 9,525 | [1] 4,793 | 4,732 | 50.3 | 49.7 | 101.3 |
| White: | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 18,246 | 9,236 | 9,010 | 50.6 | 49.4 | 102.5 |
| 1920 | 11,400 | 5,681 | 5,719 | 49.8 | 50.2 | 99.3 |
| 1910 | 7,424 | 3,736 | 3,688 | 50.3 | 49.7 | 101.3 |
| Negro: | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 4,031 | 2,046 | 1,985 | 50.8 | 49.2 | 103.1 |
| 1920 | 2,900 | 1,377 | 1,523 | 47.5 | 52.5 | 90.4 |
| 1910 | 2,099 | 1,055 | 1,044 | 50.3 | 49.7 | 101.1 |

[1] Includes 2 Chinese.

TABLE 4.—AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOTAL AND OF THE WHITE AND NEGRO POPULATION OF HIGH POINT, N. C., BY SEX: 1923, 1920, AND 1910.

| COLOR, RACE, AND CENSUS YEAR. | POPULATION. | | | | PER CENT OF TOTAL. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total. | 5 years and under. | 6 to 20 years. | 21 years and over. | 5 years and under. | 6 to 20 years. | 21 years and over. |
| **BOTH SEXES.** | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | [1] 22,279 | 3,395 | 7,088 | 11,796 | 15.2 | 31.8 | 52.9 |
| 1920 | [1] 14,302 | 2,112 | 4,660 | 7,530 | 14.8 | 32.6 | 52.6 |
| 1910 | [1] 9,525 | 1,562 | 3,087 | 4,876 | 16.4 | 32.4 | 51.2 |
| White: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 18,246 | 2,870 | 5,855 | 9,521 | 15.7 | 32.1 | 52.2 |
| 1920 | 11,400 | 1,724 | 3,749 | 5,927 | 15.1 | 32.9 | 52.0 |
| 1910 | 7,424 | 1,268 | 2,392 | 3,764 | 17.1 | 32.2 | 50.7 |
| Negro: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 4,031 | 525 | 1,232 | 2,274 | 13.0 | 30.6 | 56.4 |
| 1920 | 2,900 | 388 | 910 | 1,602 | 13.4 | 31.4 | 55.2 |
| 1910 | 2,099 | 294 | 695 | 1,110 | 14.0 | 33.1 | 52.9 |
| **MALES.** | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | [1] 11,284 | 1,716 | 3,450 | 6,118 | 15.2 | 30.6 | 54.2 |
| 1920 | [1] 7,060 | 1,068 | 2,249 | 3,743 | 15.1 | 31.9 | 53.0 |
| 1910 | [1] 4,793 | 778 | 1,521 | 2,494 | 16.2 | 31.7 | 52.0 |
| White: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 9,236 | 1,455 | 2,890 | 4,891 | 15.8 | 31.3 | 53.0 |
| 1920 | 5,681 | 905 | 1,821 | 2,955 | 15.9 | 32.1 | 52.0 |
| 1910 | 3,736 | 617 | 1,174 | 1,945 | 16.5 | 31.4 | 52.1 |
| Negro: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 2,046 | 261 | 559 | 1,226 | 12.8 | 27.3 | 59.9 |
| 1920 | 1,377 | 163 | 427 | 787 | 11.8 | 31.0 | 57.2 |
| 1910 | 1,055 | 161 | 347 | 547 | 15.3 | 32.9 | 51.8 |
| **FEMALES.** | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 10,995 | 1,679 | 3,638 | 5,678 | 15.3 | 33.1 | 51.6 |
| 1920 | 7,242 | 1,044 | 2,411 | 3,787 | 14.4 | 33.3 | 52.3 |
| 1910 | 4,732 | 784 | 1,566 | 2,382 | 16.6 | 33.1 | 50.3 |
| White: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 9,010 | 1,415 | 2,965 | 4,630 | 15.7 | 32.9 | 51.4 |
| 1920 | 5,719 | 819 | 1,928 | 2,972 | 14.3 | 33.7 | 52.0 |
| 1910 | 3,688 | 651 | 1,218 | 1,819 | 17.7 | 33.0 | 49.3 |
| Negro: | | | | | | | |
| 1923 | 1,985 | 264 | 673 | 1,048 | 13.3 | 33.9 | 52.8 |
| 1920 | 1,523 | 225 | 483 | 815 | 14.8 | 31.7 | 53.5 |
| 1910 | 1,044 | 133 | 348 | 563 | 12.7 | 33.3 | 53.9 |

[1] Includes 2 Chinese.

TABLE 5.—CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE, 7 TO 14 YEARS, FOR HIGH POINT, N. C., DISTRIBUTED BY SEX AND COLOR OR RACE: 1923.

| COLOR OR RACE. | CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE, 7 TO 14 YEARS. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Both sexes. | | Male. | | Female. | |
| | Number. | Per cent. | Number. | Per cent. | Number. | Per cent. |
| Total | 3,634 | 100.0 | 1,786 | 100.0 | 1,848 | 100.0 |
| White | 3,031 | 83.4 | 1,525 | 85.4 | 1,506 | 81.5 |
| Negro | 603 | 16.6 | 261 | 14.6 | 342 | 18.5 |



TABLE 6.—POPULATION OF HIGH POINT, N. C., BY WARDS, DISTRIBUTED BY SEX, COLOR OR RACE, AND AGE PERIODS: 1923.

| WARD. | Total population. | SEX. | | COLOR OR RACE. | | | AGE PERIODS. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Male | Female. | White. | Negro. | Chinese. | 5 years and under. | 6 to 20 years. | 21 years and over. |
| HIGH POINT CITY | 22,279 | 11,284 | 10,995 | 18,246 | 4,031 | 2 | 3,395 | 7,088 | 11,796 |
| Ward 1 | 4,739 | 2,367 | 2,372 | 4,579 | 160 | ..... | 682 | 1,381 | 2,676 |
| Ward 2 | 3,345 | 1,665 | 1,680 | 2,224 | 1,119 | 2 | 480 | 995 | 1,870 |
| Ward 3 | 6,288 | 3,179 | 3,109 | 5,255 | 1,033 | ..... | 1,052 | 2,059 | 3,177 |
| Ward 4 | 7,907 | 4,073 | 3,834 | 6,188 | 1,719 | ..... | 1,181 | 2,653 | 4,073 |

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